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Hereafter, as soon as the muster into service of any force is completed, the mustering officers will report the fact to the Commanding General of the Department in which they are serving. They will, at the same time, transmit a return of the troops, and state when they will be equipped and ready to march.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*